9–30 a.m.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* LATHI CHARGE ON STUDENTS OF THE ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of adjournment motions from Mr. A. Govindasamy and Mr. Karunanithi to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, viz., injury caused to five students by the Police lathi charge and arrest of 15 students of the Annamalai University when they went to see the Education Minister and the serious situation arising therefrom. Before I give my ruling, I would like to know what the Government have to say in the matter.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have just received all the material and I may be permitted to make a statement before I reply to the debate today or soon thereafter.

MR. SPEAKER : You will reply today or to-morrow?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Today, Sir. The University has been closed and I think it is better that the facts are made known to the Members as early as possible.

MR. SPEAKER : I think hon. Members have no objection. If, after hearing the statement, they want further information, they may give fresh notice.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : In this connection, Sir. I would appeal to hon. Members not to make this a matter of controversy. I am saying it because any action which we want to take for the purpose of restoring normalcy within the University campus should not be prejudiced by any controversial statement which hon. Members may make here. I hope they will refer to facts alone and leave the matter there. Other things may be discussed later on, if necessary, informally.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : I have given notice of a motion under rule 40.

MR. SPEAKER : How can that come here? You cannot raise it.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : It relates to the same matter.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member is entitled to withdraw it. (Laughter.) I am unable to help him.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

(1) COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the following 15 members had been duly elected to the Committee of Privileges of the Madras Legislative Assembly for the financial year 1958–59 :—

1 Sri M. P. Sarathy.
2 ,, M. Selvaraj.
3 ,, P. S. Chinnadurai.